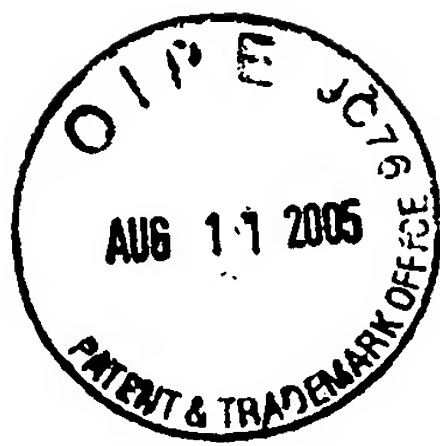


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
Hironobu ISOBE, et al.	)	: Examiner: Susan S. Lee
Application No.: 10/668,494	)	: Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: September 24, 2003	)	: Not. of Allowance: July 1, 2005
	)	: Confirmation No. 2281
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For: DEVELOPING CARTRIDGE AND PROCESS	)	
CARTRIDGE HAVING FIRST AND SECOND	:	
PROJECTED PORTIONS AND IMAGE FORMING	)	
APPARATUS MOUNTING SUCH A	:	: August 11, 2005
DEVELOPING CARTRIDGE (As Amended)	)	

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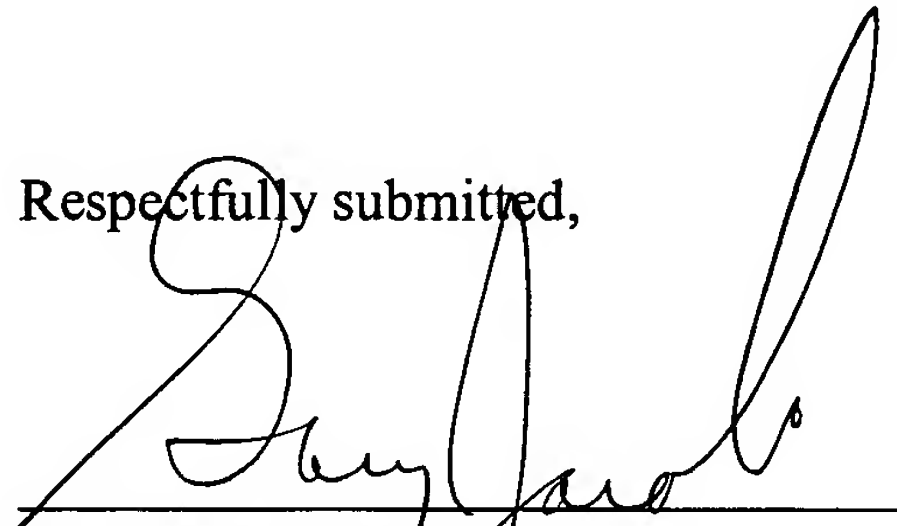
The Reasons for Allowance that accompanied the July 1, 2005 Notice of Allowance states that "Claims 1-13 and 15-20 are allowed over the prior art [sic] of record because the prior art fails to show a second projected portion on a cartridge's frame that engages with a second positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the image forming apparatus when the developing cartridge is mounted to the main assembly to regulate rotation of the cartridge about

the first positioning portion. The second projected portion is urged in a direction of contacting to the second positioning portion when the developing cartridge is set in the main assembly.”

But independent Claims 1 and 15 do not recite that a second projected portion engages with a second positioning portion provided in the main assembly of the image forming apparatus when the developing cartridge is mounted to the main assembly. Nevertheless, these claims are allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

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